

Docket: A-1186CN1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Application of:  
Burbank et al.

Serial No: 09/004,737

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
AUTOMATED BIOPSY AND  
COLLECTION OF SOFT TISSUE

\ Group Art Unit: 3736

\ Examiner: M. Hindenburg

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GROUP 3200**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 17, 1998, please amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 1.

**REMARKS**

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that all of the pending claims 47-60 have been allowed. Original claim 1 is hereby canceled, which should place the application in condition for allowance.

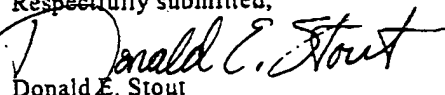
With respect to the prior art statement which has been made of record, Applicants regret that the patent number set forth on the PTO-1449 form was incorrect for the Goto et al. reference. The correct patent number is 4,735,715. A new PTO-1449 form properly listing the Goto et al. patent, and a copy of the patent accompany this

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response. The Examiner is respectfully requested to make this patent of record.

An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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